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SUBJECT: AMCIT REPATRIATION FROM CUBA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 65735

1. DEPT THANKS EMBASSY FOR INFO REFTEL. SUBJECTS REPATRIATED THRU BRIDGETOWN DO NOT NORMALLY REQUIRE CON OFF ASSISTANCE AT AIRPORT. ALL CUBANS AND AMCITS WILL BE IN POSSESSION OF SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION TO ENTER U.S. SWISS HAVE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PROTECTION PPTS TO AMCITS AND I-512 TO CUBAN RELATIVES. VOLUME OF TRAVELLERS IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE, HOWEVER OVER PERIOD JAN 1973 THRU MARCH 1974 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DID NOT EXCEED 50.

2. DEPT HAS ADVISED SWISS EMB IN HAVANA TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATION OF THREE AMCITS THROUGH BARBADOS ON APRIL 17. SUBJECTS ARE CREW OF CAPSIZED VESSEL WHICH HAS BEEN ABANDONED IN CUBA. ALL PERSONS WILL HAVE ONWARD RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 946 FOR APRIL 18 TO MIAMI WITH TRANSFER IN SAN JUAN. NAMES OF AMCIT TRAVELLERS ARE: BARRY J. SICKLER, JAMES F. COLLINS, JR., AND KENT F. SCHABER.

3. EMB IS REQUESTED TO MAKE OVERNITE RESERVATIONS IN HOTEL
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NEAR AIRPORT. SINCE MEN WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE WITHOUT

PERSONAL FUNDS, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR

OFFICE PERSONNEL TO MEET TRAVELLERS AND ADVISE
THEM OF OVERNITE LODGINGS. DEPT AWAITING FUNDS FROM
SUBJECTS' FAMILIES AND, UPON RECEIPT, WILL AUTHORIZE
EMB TO EXPEND SAME TO AMCITS.

4. PLS ADVISE KENT SCHABER TO TELEPHONE FATHER COLLECT.
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